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SUBJECT : SHAIKH ZAYID'S VISIT

1. LOCAL WEEKLY GULF MIRROR SURFACED REPORT NOVEMBER 10
OF LARGE UAE GRANT TO BAHRAIN PROMISED DURING SHAIKH ZAYID'S
NOVEMBER 7-8 VISIT HERE. MIRROR, CITING UAE OFFICAL
SOURCE, PEGS THE AMOUNT AT B.D. 32 MILLION (\$80 MILLION)
BUT GOB UNDERSECRETARY FOR DEVELOPMENT, MAJID AL-JISHI,
HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT ACTUAL FIGURE CLOSER TO
B.D. 36 MILLION. ACCORDING TO AL-JISHI THIS WILL BE
GRANT TO GO FOR VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INCLUDING
LOW-COST HOUSING, MEDICAL CENTER, PORT EXPANSION, AND
CULTURAL CENTER. AL-JISHI TELLS US THAT TO DATE GRANT
IS AT VERBAL PROMISE RATHER THAN WRITTEN AGREEMENT STAGE.

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2. COMMENT: ZAYID WAS OBVIOUSLY WELL RECEIVED HERE, ALTHOUGH GOB OFFICALS, WHO TRY TO MAKE REASONABLE PRECISE AND SPIFFY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH VISITS, GREW A BIT RESTIVE AT AIRPORT WHILE WAITING ALMOST TWO HOURS BECAUSE OF HIS DELAYED ARRIVAL. FROM TALKS WITH GOB OFFICIALS ONE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY REALLY DID NOT MIND PUTTING UP WITH ZAYID, AND AT B.D. 2 MILLION PER HOUR THIS IS UNDER- STANDABLE. GULF MIRROR QUOTES ZAYID IN REFERENCE TO STOP IN BAHRAIN AS ASSERTING "TIME HAS COME FOR GULF STATES TO CONSOLIDATE COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMY, POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURE." BELIEVE BAHRAINIS WOULD AGREE THAT ZAYID'S STYLE OF COOPERATION PRETTY EASY TO SWALLOW.

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